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Honorable Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423

Re:

Ex Parte No. 646 (Sub-No. 1)

Simplified Standards for Rail Rate Cases

Dear Secretary Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Decision of July 28, 2006 in the captioned proceeding, this letter constitutes a Notice of Intent to participate on behalf of National Grain and Feed Association. Please place the names of **both** of the undersigned on the service list as representatives of National Grain and Feed Association to receive copies of all filings and decisions.

Sincerely,

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